IBM Cognos Content Assessment

Gain the insight needed for better performance and security of your IBM Cognos environment

As technologies advance, making your data work for you is not easy, IBM® Cognos is no exception. With continual new releases, upgrades and constant change in usage, you need to ensure Cognos provides business intelligence you can trust.

Trying to leverage IBM Cognos to meet your business demands for greater agility can be challenging, especially when faced with complexities associated with developing, deploying, maintaining and supporting an IBM Cognos environment. So, how do you know if you are getting the most of your investment?

Tech Data in collaboration with our partner community would like to help you examine your “as-is” state and broaden your “to-be” outlook with our IBM Cognos Content Assessment.

How it Works

The engagement starts with a performance test of your IBM Cognos Content Store to gather information on the size and usage of the environment. Generally, the assessment takes two to three days to fully execute and is designed to help customers pinpoint critical issues such as broken content and stale content as well as security issues including inheritance mistakes.

A series of use case based reports are conducted by Tech Data’s BSP Software MetaManager to determine performance issues and anomalies in the following areas:

Validation
• Discover broken reports, views and shortcuts
• Validate jobs and job step targets
• Examine report and schedule ownership
• Verify report package linkage
• Validate datasources and sign-ons
• Identify failing schedules

Optimization
• Review use of embedded SQL
• Compare multi-dispatcher administration settings for consistency and correctness
• Review stored output size, age and retentions
• Compare Dev to Prod for inconsistencies

Security
• Identify content with explicit security
• Review accounts with direct access to content
• Examine email recipients and attachments
• Audit IBM licensing and user capabilities

Deliverables

Working with your company, we will formulate the key drivers and goals for optimizing your IBM Cognos environment. Tech Data will provide a documented analysis of the state of your environment and IT operations based on our MetaManager report findings.

Upon completion of the assessment, our consultants will provide actionable next steps and recommendations for optimizing your IBM Cognos environment(s) for enhanced business intelligence and data-driven analytics.

Leverage our industry-leading practices and software today to extract the best results from your IBM investments.

Please visit us at www.bspsoftware.com for more information about engaging with our Data Analytics Services.